

REMARKS

Claims 31-37 and 45-47 remain pending in the present application. Claim 48 has been cancelled. Claims 31-37 and 45-47 are allowed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 48 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kujirai, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,715,705) in view of Todd (U.S. Pat. No. 3,008,694). Claim 48 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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